

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  Shamim M. Malik, et al.	Examiner:  Tyson, Melanie Ruano
Serial No. 09/997,449	Art Unit: 3773
Filed: November 30, 2001	Confirmation No.: 3441
Customer No.:  45159	Attorney Docket:  050623.00134
Title: <b>A MODIFIED IMPLANTABLE DEVICE SURFACE AND A METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME</b>	

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants are filing this response to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2008 concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Please consider the following: